

# INSIDE KENNESAW



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Happy New Year Kennesaw Residents,

The New Year is a time for many of us to reflect on our accomplishments of the year past and plan our goals for the upcoming year.

In 2006 the Council and I approved a new Mission Statement for the City of Kennesaw:

***To provide innovative and cost-effective municipal services and facilities for residents, businesses, and visitors in order to preserve our City's heritage and assure a vibrant and safe community.***

It is my goal as Mayor to work diligently with City Council and staff to support the Mission of the City of Kennesaw.

2006 laid the groundwork for many growth and development projects that you will see coming to fruition in 2007.

The City has broken ground on the future site of Swift-Cantrell Park and Phase I of the park project is in progress. The Smith-Gilbert Arboretum is slated for a public grand opening in the spring. Ground broke on the first phase of the community-wide trail system in October of 2006. The trail, when complete, will connect to Kennesaw State University and extend out to Kennesaw Mountain.

You will also see increased activity in the Downtown area. Plans are being reviewed for the new Madison Project, which will bring a mixed-use development concept to Main Street and Watts Drive. And the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History will complete the expansion of the Education Center by this spring.

Looking ahead, 2007 should prove to be a very exciting year for the City. I am honored to serve as Mayor of this great City. Please feel free to contact me by email at [lchurch@kennesaw-ga.gov](mailto:lchurch@kennesaw-ga.gov) or by phone (404) 569-3446 if you have questions or concerns you would like me to address.

For a better Kennesaw,

Leonard Church,  
Mayor

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## BIG SHANTY FESTIVAL

**Saturday, April 21, 10am-6pm  
and  
Sunday, April 22, noon-5pm**

Cosponsored by the City of Kennesaw and the Kennesaw Business Association (KBA), the Big Shanty Festival features over 200 crafters, artisans, food vendors, and live entertainment. For additional information, please visit the KBA website at [www.thekba.org](http://www.thekba.org) or call JRM Management at (770) 423-1330.



## Kennesaw's Road Improvement Projects

Every year the City designates funding from several sources to improve the roads, streets, and the traffic situation in Kennesaw. These sources and some of the projects they fund are:

### 1. **CDBG – Community Development Block Grant**

– these are annual Federal grants the City currently uses to pay for storm water system upgrades in the Woodland Acres Subdivision. Funds available from year to year vary. The City anticipates addition funds for storm water system and street upgrades over the next several years.

2. **LARP – Local Assistance Road Program** – funds from the Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) that are used in conjunction with your tax dollars to resurface and re-stripe a number of City streets each year. The amount the City receives each year varies depending on the DOT budget.

3. **Bond Funds** – Kennesaw residents approved a bond which included funds to improve a number of City intersections and signalization. Currently the City is in the process of improving the intersection of Summer and S. Main Streets to include signalization; improving the signals at the Cherokee/Main/J.O. Stephenson intersection; signalizing the intersection of N.Main/Paulding/Knightsbridge; and the City is completing an intersection improvement and signalization project at Jiles Road and Legacy Park (pictured here). Later this year the City plans to begin work on the Old US 41/Stanley Road intersection.



In some cases, your tax dollars and some of the SPLOST funds described below are also involved in these upgrades.

### 4. **SPLOST – Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax**

– an initiative approved in a county-wide vote in late 2004 will be in place for six years. The City receives funds from this source, in part, to upgrade our transportation system. The City currently has an intersection and signalization

improvement project for the intersections of Pine Mountain Road/US 41; Pine Mountain Court/US 41; and Pine Mountain Road/Pine Mountain Way in the design phase. A number of other projects are planned for later in this year and throughout the next five years.

5. **General Funds** – Basically, the City uses General Fund dollars on transportation projects when there are no other funds available or in cases where the City must make a matching contribution with an outside source to fund a project.

Some other milling and surfacing projects scheduled within the City in 2007 include: Brenton Drive, Darwin Lane, Duncan Drive, Paloverde Drive, and Watts Drive.

In 2006, the City completed road improvements on Deerfield Way, Fairway Court, Lakewood Drive, Plantation Way, Rackley Way, Rock Spring Drive, Shiloh Terrace, and Travelers Trail.

For more information about City road improvement projects, contact Yared Altaye at (770) 421-8582.

## Garbage and Recycling Collection Services

The City of Kennesaw Public Works Department goes the extra mile in providing sanitation services to City residents. For one monthly fee, citizens receive all of the following services:

\*Garbage pickup twice per week. If your home generates a lot of trash, you have two days each week when trash is collected. Twice per week pickup provides the advantage of reducing trash accumulation in your home and allows you to avoid the associated unpleasant odors. If you don't generate as much trash, then you have the option of having your garbage collected on only one of those days of your choice.

\*The Sanitation Department provides a 95-gallon container, free of charge, to most homes in the City as a courtesy to the home owner. There are a small number of homes that are attached, or have no garage or other place to keep the container, that are not provided with a container. The container is large enough to hold most homes' trash between pickups, and is designed with wheels to make it easy to move to the curbside.

\*The Sanitation Department provides recycling containers and once-per-week recycling pickup. This is one of those "good sense" services, where anything recycled helps hold down the cost to dispose of our trash, it saves space in our landfills, and recycled materials save our natural resources. Currently in Kennesaw we are recycling less than 8% of the waste material you dispose from your home. The percentage of what is recycled should be at least three times that much. Please help with this effort! As the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to mandate

testing and other expensive processes that increase the cost of trash disposal, recycling becomes even more important.

\*The Sanitation Department picks up household furnishings (sofas, chairs, BBQ grills, stoves, water heaters, dish washers, etc.). Basically, if you can get it to the curb, it is picked up and disposed at no additional cost to you. There are, however, some limitations. For example, if you have a contractor replace your carpets, the contractor is responsible for disposing the old carpet and pads. The Sanitation Department does not pick up old roofing shingles, wood from old decks, construction debris, tires, used motor oil, vehicle batteries, or liquid paint. For some of these items, the Sanitation Department has no practical means of disposal. In other cases, the cost of disposal may well exceed several months of your sanitation fees.

\*The Sanitation Department collects bagged lawn debris, shrub trimmings, and tree limbs. If you would like mulch from chipped tree limbs, contact Public Works and your name will be put on a list to deliver a load, at no additional cost to you. Again, there are some limitations in this area. The Sanitation Department does not pick up dirt or rocks, nor does it chip trees or tree limbs generated by a contractor. Again, the cost to dispose of each of these items can quickly exceed your monthly fee, and that is not fair to other citizens who are not disposing these materials.

If you have questions about your garbage and recycling services please contact the Public Works Sanitation Department at (770) 421-8582.

## Resolution Authorizing an Incentive for Payment of Sanitation Services

Many City sanitation customers indicated their preference to prepay for sanitation collection services in advance on a year or a two-year basis. The City's previous billing system only allowed for a monthly billing system for these services.

On Monday, November 6th, the Mayor and Council approved a resolution authorizing an incentive for payment of sanitation services on an advanced yearly or two-year basis.

This resolution now allows the City of Kennesaw Finance Department to collect, and for sanitation customers to pay, eleven months of prepayment for sanitation services for each twelve months of service to be provided, or twenty-two months of prepayment for sanitation services for each twenty-four months service to be provided.

This incentive is now being offered as a convenience to sanitation customers.

For more information about the new sanitation billing and advanced payment options, please contact Utility Billing at (770) 424-8274 or email at [lyustat@kennesaw-ga.gov](mailto:lyustat@kennesaw-ga.gov).



## Limb Collection and Street Cleaning

Limbs set curbside for chipping cannot be larger than 12 inches in diameter, or 100 pounds maximum in weight. The chipper truck is on a four (4) week rotating schedule. Please call (770) 421-8582 or email [publicworks@kennesaw-ga.gov](mailto:publicworks@kennesaw-ga.gov) for the chipper schedule for your area. Appointments are **not scheduled** for this service. However, every effort is made to ensure timely pick up of these items.

The sweeper truck is on a four (4) week rotating schedule. Residents are not allowed to blow leaves or loose yard trimmings into the street or gutter for the sweeper to collect. Leaves must be bagged (preferably in brown paper lawn and leaf bags) for Wednesday collection. When mowing your grass or blowing leaves remember that residents are NEVER to blow or dump grass clippings or leaves out in the street, or in the gutters; blow or dump grass clippings or leaves down the storm drains, or catch basins; or blow or dump grass clippings or leaves into a stream or creek or on the banks.

To report a street light that is out, cycling on/off, or pole that is down, call the power company that services the home where the light is located, or you can contact the Public Works Department. Please provide the address where the pole is located, which power company services the location, what the problem is with the light, and a contact person and phone number.

For downed street signs or traffic control signs, pot holes that need patching, storm drains or catch basins that need cleaning, or general questions, email or call the Public Works Department. Please provide your name, address and a phone number you can be contacted at in case we need to reach you.

## Garbage and Recycling Collection Reminders

If you have questions about your garbage and recycling collection services, like which items will and will not be picked up, or the collection schedule, call the Kennesaw Public Works Department at (770) 421-8582 or visit our website at [www.kennesaw-ga.gov](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov) and go to the Sanitation section. You can also email questions to [publicworks@kennesaw-ga.gov](mailto:publicworks@kennesaw-ga.gov).

All residents are encouraged to participate in the City's recycling program. Please contact us if you need a recycle bin! If you are waiting for your recycling bin to be delivered you may use cardboard boxes, paper bags, or a 32-gallon trash can labeled "RECYCLE," until your bin arrives. No recycling collection will be scheduled on a holiday. If your pick up day falls on a holiday, you will be picked up the following week on your regular day.

Please remember that all garbage cans, recycling bins, bagged lawn debris, and metals **MUST** be on the curb **before 7:00 a.m.** the day of your scheduled pick up. Garbage cans and recycling bins are occasionally set out at the curb *after* the truck has picked up the other cans on the street. If your containers are not out *before* the truck arrives, your garbage or recycling will not be collected until the next scheduled pick up day. The trucks do not have a scheduled time frame to be in any certain area.

Yard trimmings and lawn debris are picked up on Wednesday of each week, with the exception of holidays. This includes leaves, grass clippings, pinestraw, and small hedge trimmings. Lawn debris is being taken to a facility that mulches and recycles the debris, so **everyone is**

**encouraged to use brown paper biodegradable bags, as they can be mulched with the debris when the truck is emptied.** Plastic bags are not recyclable - if you use plastic bags for your yard trimmings, each plastic bag has to be torn open and the contents dumped into the truck. **GRASS CLIPPINGS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP IF THEY ARE LOOSE IN THE 95-GALLON CANS OR OTHER CONTAINERS!**

**NO** tires, roofing material, oil, transmission fluid, dirt, rocks, cement, or paint will be collected. However, paint cans, and oil and transmission fluid containers that are empty and clean with no caps or lids can be picked up if they are sitting beside your trash can. **NEVER dump these things into catch basins, storm drains or creeks.** Kitty litter, sand, or oil dry should be used to absorb the liquid. When the contents of the container is absorbed, the mixture may then be placed into a plastic bag, tied shut, and placed in the trash.

Appliances such as gas grills (without the propane tank), water heaters, washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, or freezers (up to 100 pounds maximum), are collected if they are placed on the curb by 7:00a.m. Thursday mornings. Metals are collected on Thursdays and Fridays.

The Public Works Sanitation Department would like to take this opportunity to remind all motorists to drive slowly and cautiously around the garbage and recycling trucks when they are stopped in the street. There have been several near-miss accidents with motorists driving around the garbage trucks as there were cars coming the opposite direction. Please be very careful if you must go around these trucks!

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE KENNESAW YOUTH COUNCIL

In September 2007, eight students (six from Kennesaw Mountain High School, one from North Cobb High School, and one from Harrison High School), were selected to represent the 2006-2007 City of Kennesaw Youth Council. Pictured left to right, bottom row: Hyatt Howard, Spencer Montalvo, Hannah Carsillo, and Faye Maison. Back row: William Randall, Katherine Hollingsworth, Joshua Rutan, and Ryan DuVall. The new Youth Council members were sworn in to their positions at the October 2, 2006 Mayor and Council meeting.

In an effort to encourage teen involvement in government and in the community, the City of Kennesaw implemented the Youth Council program in 2001. The Youth Council is a team of eight high school students chosen by a panel of high school faculty and City staff through a written application, teacher recommendations, and an oral interview process. The Kennesaw Youth Council is proud to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> established youth council in the State of Georgia, among more than a dozen youth councils currently active in the State.

Kennesaw Youth Council members serve a term of one year, with the option of reapplying for an additional one-year term. The purpose of the Youth Council is to provide the Mayor, City Council, and City staff with a teen perspective on the functions of the City Departments and future growth of the City. The Youth Council develops its own youth agenda and reports directly to the City Council at scheduled



Council meetings. The Youth Council holds their own meetings twice monthly at City Hall to identify and discuss the needs of teenagers in the City.

At an annual planning retreat, the Youth Council is tasked with implementing two (2) youth-oriented projects each year that will directly involve the teen community. As a result of the Youth Council's planning retreat held on Sunday, November 5, 2006, the Youth Council members unanimously voted to expand the current paper recycling programs to include implementation of a PET plastic beverage container recycling collection program at their respective high schools. This project will be implemented effective January 1, 2007. The Youth Council is also planning an ultimate Frisbee tournament scheduled for spring 2007.

For more information about the City of Kennesaw Youth Council, email [ycouncil@kennesaw-ga.gov](mailto:ycouncil@kennesaw-ga.gov).

If you are a Kennesaw Mountain, North Cobb, Harrison, McEachern, or North Cobb Christian High School student interested in applying for the 2007-2008 City of Kennesaw Youth Council, contact Suzanne Thrash at [s.thrash@cobbk12.org](mailto:s.thrash@cobbk12.org) or (770) 722-9180 for more information.

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## SWIFT-CANTRELL PARK UPDATE



In July 2006, MACTEC Engineering and Consulting was selected by the City of Kennesaw to provide design and engineering services for Phase I development of Swift-Cantrell Park. The services are based on the park master plan that was approved by the Mayor and City Council in May, and include landscape architecture, engineering, and architecture for construction document preparation, permitting, and construction administration. Phase I program elements will include a 1.5 mile trail, main picnic area with playground, a group picnic shelter and restroom, second picnic area, entry plaza, perimeter fencing, infrastructure (utilities and drainage), site preparation, parking (152 spaces), landscaping, and a traffic signal warrant study. Groundbreaking is planned for February 2007, and construction is expected to last into the summer. When completed, Swift-Cantrell Park will serve as one of the premier recreation, relaxation and central gathering places for Kennesaw area residents.

## DO YOU HAVE THE LATEST PROGRAM GUIDE?

The Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Winter/Spring 2007 Program Guide is now available. In this publication you will find everything you need to know about how to get in shape, exercise your creativity, or explore a new hobby. Spring Break baseball and softball camps, TaeKwon-Do, clog dancing, portrait drawing, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are just a few of the program offerings, scheduled to begin in early January.

The Program Guide is published three times per year by the City of Kennesaw and is mailed to past users. If you are not receiving this guide and you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive future publications, please call (770) 422-9714 or visit [www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec), click on "Program Guide," and complete a Program Guide Request Form. Program Guides can also be picked up at the following locations: Kennesaw City Hall, 2529 JO Stephenson Ave.; Kennesaw Community Center, 2753 Watts Dr.; or the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History, 2829 Cherokee Street.

The City of Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Department offers four convenient ways to register for activities: Online at [www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec), via fax, by mail, or in-person at the Kennesaw Community Center. Registration for all programs is ongoing and is accepted on a first come, first serve basis until the maximum number is reached or seven days prior to the first activity date, unless otherwise stated.

## FLIP, TWIST, BOUNCE, ROLL & PLAY

The City of Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Department offers a variety of non-competitive, recreational gymnastics classes at the Kennesaw Community Center, 2753 Watts Drive. The Kennesaw Community Center offers a first-class, air conditioned facility; and programs provide knowledgeable, friendly instructors in a safe and fun environment for children.

As participation in the gymnastics program continues to grow, the Parks & Recreation Department continues to add new equipment to keep up with the demand.



Over the past few months, the Parks & Recreation Department has purchased additional tumbling mats, multiple skill shapes, landing mats, ceiling hung rings, a high bar and a 40-foot long "Tumbl Trak," which is a trampoline-like training tool designed to decrease stress on body parts.

Instructors are also going through the process of becoming safety certified through USA Gymnastics, a not-for-profit organization which is the sole national governing body for the sport of gymnastics in the United States.

For information about gymnastics classes, please visit [www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec) or call (770) 422-9714.



## BLOOD: IS IT IN YOU TO GIVE?

On Wednesday, January 10 from 3-8pm, the City of Kennesaw is hosting an American Red Cross Community Blood Drive at the Kennesaw Community Center, 2753 Watts Drive. When you help the American Red Cross, you help America. America is a place where we look out for one another. And with someone in America needing blood every two seconds, there's someone who needs you to roll up your sleeve today.



All current eligible and new donors are strongly urged to make an appointment to donate blood, although walk-ins are welcome. Most healthy people who are at least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds or more are eligible to donate every 56 days.

Visit [www.kennesaw-ga.gov/giveblood](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/giveblood) or call (770) 422-9714 to schedule an appointment.

## CLOGGING FOR THE FUN OF IT

If you're like most Americans, you should be exercising more. The wonderful thing about clogging is that it's so much fun; a practice session - which is a sufficient workout - doesn't feel like a chore.

Clog dancing (or "clogging") is a distinctive dance style that originated in the Appalachian Mountains during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. As settlers from western European countries expanded into the region, the folk dances of each area met and combined into the impromptu foot-tapping style of clogging we know today from such popular TV shows as Dance Fever and Americas Got Talent. The word "clog" comes from Gaelic and means "time". Clogging is a dance that is done in time with the music, to the downbeat, usually with the heel keeping rhythm.

If you're curious about clogging, the City of Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Department now offers a variety of youth and adult instructional and performance-based clogging classes at the Kennesaw Community Center, 2753 Watts Drive. Visit [www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec) or call (770) 422-9714 for more information.



**"Oz"**

**Saturday, March 10, 2007**

**Performances at 2pm & 7pm**

**Kennesaw Community Center Banquet Hall  
2753 Watts Drive**

Dorothy Gale, like so many girls her age, dreams of what lies over the rainbow. One day a twister hits her farm and carries her away to a magical world. Join Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tinman, the Cowardly Lion and Toto as they journey to the land of Oz.

This production is based on one of the most popular books ever written in American children's literature, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, by L. Frank Baum, and is produced in special arrangement with the Kennesaw Flying Pigs Theatre Group. Refreshments will be available during intermission.

### **Ticket Information**

Tickets for all performances are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children ages 3-10 (ages 2 and under are free). All seats are general admission. Space is limited. Advance purchase required. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec/onstage](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec/onstage), or at the Kennesaw Community Center, 2753 Watts Drive. Your receipt is your ticket.



### ***Fairy Time Favorites***

***Saturday, January 13, 11am-12pm***

Kick off the New Year with us as we bring to life stories and characters from some of the most popular and beloved fairy tales of all time. Activities will include age-appropriate games, arts and craft projects. Recommended for children ages 3-10. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Location:** Community House, 2838 Cherokee Street (across the street from the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History). **Cost:** \$2 per person (ages 2 and under are free).

### ***Queen of Hearts Valentine's Exchange***

***Saturday, February 10, 1-5pm***

Bring in a sentimental or humorous card addressed to your favorite fairy tale character and collect Valentine cards and treats as you tour through an enchanted "storybook" style home. Recommended for children ages 3-10. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Location:** Community House, 2838 Cherokee Street (across the street from the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History). **Cost:** \$5 per person (ages 2 and under are free).



### ***Valentine's Day Dance*** ***Wednesday, February 14,*** ***6:30pm-9pm***

Spend a "date night" in our Banquet Hall and enjoy an evening of delectable sweets, craft activities and other sweetheart surprises at the 4th Annual Valentine's

Day Dance - a celebration focusing on the bond between Father and Daughter or Mommy and Son. This year's theme is super-"heroes," so come dressed as your favorite character... or simply let the ones you love know who the real hero is in your life. Move and groove to upbeat music, along with a mix of slow songs, provided by a professional DJ. Souvenir photos will be available for purchase to help capture the moment and relive the magic of the evening for years to come. **Location:** Kennesaw Community Center, 2753 Watts Drive. **Ticket information:** \$12.50 each for the first two tickets. \$10 for each additional ticket (ages 2 and under are free). Purchase tickets online at [www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec/valentines](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec/valentines), or at the Kennesaw Community Center. Your receipt is your ticket.

### ***Touch-A-Truck***

***Saturday, March 17, 10am-2pm***

This annual event draws thousands of visitors to downtown Kennesaw to see, touch, and interact with a variety of cool vehicles - including fire trucks, police cars, tractors, earth movers and so much more. Kids of all ages love to get up close and personal with these awesome machines...and even meet the drivers! St. Patrick's Day "make and go" crafts will also be available. You don't want to forget your camera, as there will be many great photo opportunities. Hot dogs and other fun foods will be available for purchase. **Location:** The historic train Depot in downtown Kennesaw, 2828 Cherokee Street. **Cost:** Free.



### ***Kennesaw Spring Fling (Egg Hunt)*** ***Saturday, March 31, 10am sharp***

Celebrate the passage to Spring at our popular egg hunt. The countdown "to scramble" for wrapped candy treats will begin at 10am sharp, so be sure to arrive early.

Meet the Easter Bunny, make a craft, or hop around on our "jumpsies." Even take a tour with some famous fairy tale characters as they lead you down "Humpty Dumpty's Bunny Trail." Be sure to bring an Easter basket for your child, and don't forget your camera! Rain date is Saturday, April 7, 2007. **Location:** The historic train Depot in downtown Kennesaw, 2828 Cherokee Street. **Cost:** Free.

### ***The Frog Prince's Spring Splash*** ***Saturday, April 14, 11am-12pm***

Once upon a time, there lived a wacky, but handsome, Frog Prince. Join us for a royally good time in the "backyard" of the Community House as we gather around to tell his story, play near his "pond" and playground, and make fun arts and craft projects. Bring a picnic lunch and your own amphibious friend (frog) just for the fun of it. If it rains we'll move indoors. Recommended for moms and tots. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Location:** Community House, 2838 Cherokee Street (across the street from the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History). **Cost:** \$2 per person (ages 2 and under are free).



## Kennesaw Officer Recognized



At a luncheon held at the Pinetree Country Club on November 8, the North Cobb Civitan Club recognized City of Kennesaw Officer Romney Scott (pictured left) for his dedicated service to the north Cobb community.

North Cobb Civitan Board

Member Penny Warren was a charter member with the club. In 2005 she was asked to identify projects in the community to help establish the club's focus. "I immediately wanted to recognize our local law enforcement departments and their dedication to the safety of all of our citizens," Warren said. "The mission of Civitan is knowledge, service and fellowship. Although we are not able serve the

community in all capacities, we can recognize the efforts of others."

The Civitan Club recognized Officer Scott for his continued outstanding performance since he joined the Kennesaw Police Department in September 2005. In the year Officer Scott has been with the Department he has served as a Field Training Officer to 4 new police officers and has received an Outstanding Performance Award for apprehending an armed robbery suspect during a traffic stop. Since January 2006, Officer Scott has made over 250 arrests and written over 630 citations. His efforts have supported the Kennesaw Police Department's mission to keep the crime rate in Kennesaw low. During a brief description of Scott's achievements, Kennesaw Assistant Police Chief William Westenberger recognized Scott's dedication to the City and the community, and stressed that Scott's professionalism and work ethic have a positive impact on the City.

"We are extremely proud of Officer Scott's service and dedication to the Police Department, as well as to the citizens he serves in Kennesaw," said Kennesaw Police Chief Tim Callahan. "He is truly a professional in every sense of the word. We are fortunate to have someone of his caliber."

## Harvesting Crops from the Smith-Gilbert Arboretum

Volunteers from the Master Gardeners of Cobb County have participated in the Plant-A-Row for the Hungry program since 1999. This year the Master Gardeners prepared and harvested the garden in a plat of land at Kennesaw's Smith-Gilbert Arboretum, the new home of the Cobb County Master Gardeners and the Plant-A-Row project.

According to Master Gardener Susan Dawsey, "This was the group's best harvest ever!" Dawsey adds, "We harvested over one ton of fresh vegetables, 2,100 pounds to be exact, to donate to a local food bank."

Plant-A-Row, a program launched in 1995 by Garden Writers of

America, encourages local gardeners to donate any excess of vegetables in their summer gardens to a local food bank. The Cobb County Master Gardeners' vegetables benefit local families through the Center for Family Resources.



## City Watch Emergency Notification System

The City of Kennesaw Police Department, in cooperation with the City's Information Technology Department, recently implemented City Watch. City Watch is an emergency notification system used to communicate with citizens, and has been implemented as a component of the City's ongoing business continuity and disaster planning program.

While City Watch has many useful applications, the City of Kennesaw will be using it to:

- Notify residents of emergencies such as inclement weather, terrorist activity, train derailments, and missing child alerts
- Contact elderly residents who subscribe for an "are you ok" status check system
- Public Works notifications of road closings, downed trees and power lines, etc.

Once a situation arises, the Police 911 Center will activate the City Watch system. The system will begin calling all residential telephone numbers the area that is affected by the emergency. An automated telephone message will be played. City Watch also has the capability to notify via email, if residents request that service.

# Presidential Photography EXHIBITION

## STARTS IN MARCH

**P**hotographer Diana Walker has captured the essence of historic moments, bringing the public face to face with such notable figures as American presidents, foreign dignitaries, and political activists. View 83 fascinating photographs and nine magazine covers in a traveling exhibition, *Diana Walker: Photojournalist*, at the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History March 24 - June 17.

Produced by the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and organized for travel by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), the exhibition takes a look at candid moments in the lives of five American presidents; foreign dignitaries; political activists; and, boxing champion Muhammed Ali.

An award-winning photographer, Walker was assigned to cover the White House for *Time*. Her journey in pictures led to trips on the campaign trail with presidential hopefuls, as well as behind the scenes with the presidents and their families.



Presidents George H.W. Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev at the Malta Summit, December 1989. Photographs by Diana Walker and courtesy of the Center for American History, The University of Texas, Austin.



### Mommy and Me Children's Series Begins

Inspire a love of lifelong learning in your child by participating in the Southern Museum's NEW Mommy and Me series, designed for children aged 2 - 5 and their parents. The Museum's history, themes, and exhibits provide a fun and exciting starting point for educational activities. FREE with admission. No reservations required. March 15 & 19, April 12 & 26 • 10 - 11 AM.

### Hours of Operation

Mon - Sat: 9:30 AM - 5 PM • Sun: 12 Noon - 5 PM  
Closed New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas

### Admission

Adults: \$7.50 • Senior Citizens (over 60): \$6.50 •  
Children 4-12: \$5.50 • Children 3 and under: free

### A Night at the Southern Museum

January 20, 5 - 8 PM

Explore the halls of the Southern Museum and see what adventures await when night falls. Let your imagination soar as you see Civil War soldiers, railroad workers and much more come to life. FREE with admission.

### Homeschool Days

March 5 • April 9; 10 AM - 2 PM

Homeschooled children explore exhibits and enjoy hourly educational programs. Reservations not required. (Group tours not available on Homeschool Days.) Special rates: \$4 per student (4-12 yrs), \$6 per adult, children 3 and under FREE.

### You're Darn Tootin':

### The Glover Machine Works and World War II Exhibit

March 31 - June 3

American companies like local locomotive manufacturer Glover Machine Works were critical to World War II military efforts. Examine the role manufacturers and workers played in the war. FREE with admission.

### Assault on Big Shanty

April 21; 10 AM - 4 PM • April 22; 12 - 4 PM

Soldiers in blue and gray will camp and conduct weapons firing demonstrations throughout the day as part of the annual Big Shanty Festival in Kennesaw. FREE.

### Stories of the Past: Student Performances by Kennesaw State University Department of Theatre & Performance Studies

April 27 & April 28; 7 PM • April 29; 2 PM

Oral history interviews conducted with Glover Machine Works workers by KSU students are the basis for this unique storytelling performance. Co-sponsored by the Southern Museum and KSU's Department of Theatre & Performance Studies. \$7.50 adults, \$5.50 children 4-12, FREE for children 3 and under, Museum members, and KSU faculty/students with ID.

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## 2006 - 2007 GARBAGE and RECYCLING HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

THERE WILL NOT BE GARBAGE OR RECYCLING COLLECTION FOR THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:

### CHRISTMAS

Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 for the week of 12/25 -12/29

**GARBAGE:** No collection on Monday and Tuesday.

**RECYCLING:** No collection on Monday or Tuesday. Routes will be collected on scheduled day of the following week.

**BAGGED LAWN DEBRIS (grass clippings, leaves, etc.):** NO CHANGES - will be collected on Wednesday.

**LARGE METAL ITEMS (appliances, water heaters, grilles, etc.):** No collection this week.

### NEW YEAR

Monday, January 1, 2007 for the week of 1/1/2007-1/5/2007

**GARBAGE:** Monday and Tuesday routes will shift forward one day.

**RECYCLING:** No collection on Monday. Route will be collected on scheduled day of the following week.

**BAGGED LAWN DEBRIS (grass clippings, leaves, etc.):** No collection this week.

**LARGE METAL ITEMS (appliances, water heaters, grilles, etc.):** NO CHANGES - collection on Thursday and Friday.

### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Monday, January 15, 2007 for the week of 1/15/2007-1/19/2007

**GARBAGE:** Monday and Tuesday routes will shift forward one day.

**RECYCLING:** No collection on Monday. Route will be collected on scheduled day of the following week.

**BAGGED LAWN DEBRIS (grass clippings, leaves, etc.):** No collection this week.

**LARGE METAL ITEMS (appliances, water heaters, grilles, etc.):** NO CHANGES - collection on Thursday and Friday.

### PRESIDENT'S DAY

Monday, February 19, 2007 for the week of 2/19/2007-2/23/2007

**GARBAGE:** Monday and Tuesday routes will shift forward one day.

**RECYCLING:** No collection on Monday. Route will be collected on scheduled day of the following week.

**BAGGED LAWN DEBRIS (grass clippings, leaves, etc.):** No collection this week.

**LARGE METAL ITEMS (appliances, water heaters, grilles, etc.):** NO CHANGES - collection on Thursday and Friday.

### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 6, 2007 for the week of 4/2/2007-4/6/2007

**GARBAGE:** Thursday and Friday routes will shift backward one day.

**RECYCLING:** No collection on Friday. Route will be collected on scheduled day of the following week.

**BAGGED LAWN DEBRIS (grass clippings, leaves, etc.):** No collection this week.

**LARGE METAL ITEMS (appliances, water heaters, grilles, etc.):** Collection on Wednesday and Thursday.

**COLLECTION REMINDERS:** All garbage, recycling, lawn debris, and metal must be placed curbside before 7:00a.m. the day of collection! Lawn debris, such as grass clippings, leaves, and pine straw must be in bags, not loose in trash cans. Rocks, dirt, cement, bricks, roofing material, and tires are not accepted for collection.

## Calendar of Events

**January 1** - New Year's Holiday, CITY HALL CLOSED

**January 10** - Community Blood Drive, 3:00-8:00pm at the Community Center

**January 13** - Fairy Time Favorites, 11:00am-noon at the Community House

**January 15** - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, CITY HALL CLOSED

**January 20** - A Night at the Southern Museum, 5:00-8:00pm at the Southern Museum

**February 10** - Queen of Hearts Valentine's Exchange, 1:00-5:00pm at the Community House

**February 10** - Evening with the General, 5:00-8:00pm at the Southern Museum (members only)

**February 14** - Valentine's Day Dance, 6:30-9:00pm at the Community Center

**February 19** - President's Day Holiday, CITY HALL CLOSED

**February 28** - "Learning through Objects: Museums and Young Children," 9:00am-4:30pm at the Southern Museum

**March 5** - Homeschool Day, 10:00am-2:00pm at the Southern Museum

**March 9-10** - On Stage: "Oz," performances at 2:00pm and 7:00pm at the Community Center

**March 10** - Historical Society Lecture Series "Old Photos of Kennesaw," 2:00-4:00pm at the Southern Museum

**March 15** - Mommy and Me Children's Program Series, 10:00-11:00am at the Southern Museum

**March 17** - Touch-A-Truck, 10:00am-2:00pm at the Depot

**March 24** - Diana Walker: Photojournalist Exhibit at the Southern Museum

**March 29** - Mommy and Me Children's Program Series, 10:00-11:00am at the Southern Museum

**March 31** - Kennesaw Spring Fling (Egg Hunt), 10:00 am at the Depot

**March 31** - "You're Darn Tootin'," The Glover Machine Works and World War II Exhibit at the Southern Museum



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